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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

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SUBJECT: 2013 South Beach International Amateur Golf Tournament

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The Administration is pleased to inform you that the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with Professional Course Management (PCM), the City's golf management company will be hosting the 3rd annual "South Beach International Amateur Golf Tournament (SBIA) on Tuesday, December 17th through Sunday, December 22nd, 2013, at the Miami Beach and Normandy Shores Golf Clubs. The Co-Chairmen of this amateur championship will be the world famous golf instructor Jim Mclean and Johnny LaPonzinna, past President and Hall of Fame Inductee of the South Florida Professional Golf Association (PGA).

The 2012 South Beach International Amateur became a "Major" amateur in just its second year of existence with its ranking of 25th in the world. In its first year (2011) it became the highest ranking inaugural amateur (47th) since fields have been measured. It is projected that, based on the strength of this year's field, the tournament will move up to 20th in the worldwide rankings.

In 2012, the starting field of contestants was comprised of 198 qualified amateurs, including 48 of the world's "Top 600", representing 23 countries. The 2013 starting field will be made up of 204 of the world's top amateurs, including 55 of the "Top 600". It should also be noted that the event again had a waiting list of 60 golfers. After the preliminary rounds, on Thursday, and Friday, the top seventy-two (72) players, plus ties, move on to the final two rounds at the Miami Beach Golf Club. The 2012 SBIA generated over 900 hotel room nights, and it is anticipated that number will be exceeded this year.

The following is a schedule for this exciting tournament:

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- Tuesday December 17th Practice rounds begin at 9:30 am at both courses.
- Wednesday, December 18th-Practice rounds at both courses
- Thursday, December 19th Round 1 tee times begin at both courses at 7:30A.M.
- Friday, December 20th Round 2 tee times at both courses at 7:30A.M.
- Saturday, December 21st Round 3 tee times at the MBGC, 8:00A.M.
- Sunday, December 22nd Round 4 tee times at MBGC, 8:00A.M.
- Awards Ceremony at approximately 4:30P.M. at the MBGC

Please note, beginning Tuesday, December 17th through Friday, December 20th, 2013, both golf courses will be closed for play to club members and the general public. The Normandy Shores Golf Club will reopen on Saturday, December 21st on a regular schedule, and the Miami Beach Golf Club will reopen for member and public play on Monday, December 23rd, 2013.

Please take some time out of your busy schedules to come out to our world class golf courses and view first-hand some of the best amateur golfers playing in what has quickly become one of the world's most prestigious amateur championships.

Should you have additional questions, please contact John Rebar at (305) 673-7730.

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